

I am writing to offer my support FOR satellite radio services and their continued ability to be able to bring instant weather and traffic to consumers in ALL markets. I find these services most valuable and am currently an XM subscriber. I am more than happy to PAY for radio services that are digital, innovative, available anywhere at anytime, and provide an invaluable service to me, the consumer.

I have been very displeased with FM and AM radio station's constant banter, advertisements, programming content, and 'hope you tune in at the just right time to hear a traffic report' services.

With Satellite radio, I am able to shorten my day by getting instant information at the touch of a button so that I can make traffic decisions that can be the difference in getting to my destination in 15 minutes or getting there in a couple of hours. And it is certainly the same with the weather! This information is certainly not available with regular AM and FM stations....EVEN IF you know which station to tune to. If you're in an unfamiliar area, forget even wasting your time to try and find one.

I do not believe it makes logical or fair sense to restrict someone from providing valuable information to people just because FM and AM stations think that the services are threatening. It is my personal belief that satellite radio traffic and weather services are not going to hurt FM and AM revenue. If anything, it will be because the NAB is not willing to adapt to a changing marketplace, much like the RIAA was very slow to embrace online digital music services. Please do not walk on a fair and free trade market. Please REJECT the NAB's petition 04-160 and continue to support innovations in the marketplace, not suppress them!

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